

Six good reasons to have a job:

1. Employed people are more "employable" than unemployed people.



Employers prefer to hire people who are already working. To an employer, the fact that you have a job is often more important than the type of job you have. So once you have a job, it is easier to get another one. The first job you get may not be your ideal job, but it gets you a step closer to your ideal.

2. Work builds self-esteem.



You get to use your skills and abilities and receive rewards for doing so – in wages, and also in feedback and achievements. People in work build social networks and relationships with work mates, customers, and suppliers – a whole range of different people.

3. Work means more skills.



Work gives you skills and experience. Most jobs involve a lot of learning "on the job". That learning is important when it comes to improving the type of job you have. A job gives you both "job-specific" skills, and "transferable skills" (which can be used in any job).

4. Working people have a "track record".



Work gives you a track record that improves your status, and how you are regarded. For example, a bank loaning money to support a small business is more likely to support someone who has been employed.

5. Work is empowering.



Working makes you feel better about yourself. It gives you the power to take control and make decisions about your own life. If you have children, you become a role model for them.

6. Work has greater rewards.



Even though your first job may not give you more money, jobs have much more opportunity to improve your income. Many jobs provide the opportunity for overtime or work where you can get double time. There may be other job benefits, which can save you money – wholesale or cheap goods, uniforms, and other benefits. And you can get promoted in a job.